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## Announcements

• **WPA & CCC camps presentation by Jeremy Darst (DNR) - May 2nd, at 6 pm at the Mazeppa Community Center.** Learn all about their projects - (School gymnasium & on Paul Tupper farm).

MAHS annual meeting preceding presentation. SHORT!

• **The Mazeppa Area Historical Society sends out a "HUGE THANK YOU" for all who attended & donated at our Spring Supper!** It was a HUGE SUCCESS! "LET'S ROLL" to build an additional building.

• **Three Rivers Community Action is currently accepting new Meals On Wheels clients in the communities of Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo.** Receive a hot meal delivered to your home by a volunteer at lunch time up to 5 days per week. To qualify you must be 60 or older, live within city limits, have limited mobility and/or are unable to prepare nutritious meals. The suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per meal. For more information on how to sign up for meals or to be a volunteer driver, please contact Dana Bergner at 507-421-6067 or dbergner@threeriverscap.org

• **Celebrate Recovery meetings every Sunday night at 5pm at South Troy Church, 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls, MN 55991.** Email for questions is: celebraterecovery@southtroy@gmail.com.

• **The Zumbro Valley Food Shelf is located at South Troy Wesleyan Church, 56817 Hwy 63, Zumbro Falls, MN.** The hours are Tuesdays 11:00am-5:00pm and Thursdays 11:00am-6:00pm. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. For more information contact Pastor Colleen Hoeft at 507-259-1442 or choeft52@gmail.com.

• **The Mazeppa Area Food Shelf, serving Mazeppa, Bellechester, and Zumbro Falls Area is open the second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11 am and 3:30 - 5:30pm, and the fourth Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30pm.** Food drop off locations are First State Bank of Red Wing, Mazeppa Branch, and Entry way to Mazeppa City Hall.

Do you have an announcement?  
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## Mazeppa Memorial Day: Honoring the Brave

By Tara Gullickson

*"A Hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."* - Joseph Campbell, Prolific American Author

The Mazeppa American Legion Post #588 and the Auxiliary Post #588 would like to invite all veterans, service members and the community to attend this year's Memorial Day Services which will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024. Legion, Auxiliary and Honor

Guard members will meet at the Legion Hall in Mazeppa at 8 a.m. to prepare to give their salute to service, honoring all the brave men and women who gave their lives defending this brilliant country. Services will begin at Poplar Grove Cemetery starting at 9 a.m., Bear Valley Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., and the Mazeppa Cemetery at 10 a.m. The Memorial Day Parade will commence at 10:30 a.m. in Mazeppa. There will be a slight change to the



parade route this year as the parade will begin now on Elm Street, then proceed downtown along first avenue, ending on Cherry Street. The parade will include the color guard, veterans marching unit, veterans float, auxiliary unit, and the Mazeppa fire department & first responders.

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## Zumbro Falls Lioness/Lions, 40 years and counting!



**CHARTER MEMBERS (1984) - The first officers and members of the Zumbro Falls Lioness Club are from left to right, front row: Vivian Krier, director; Shirley Rolsch, director; Hazel Dettmer, first vice president; Mary Plenge, president, Arlys Schmidt, secretary; Dorothy Schmidt, treasurer; Audrey Nichols, tail twister; Harriet Siewert, second vice president; and Julie Conrad, Lioness tamer. Back row, charter members are, from left: Brenda Kautz, Lori Meincke, Bertha Rosch, Lorraine Bright, Dorothy Henn, Gladys Dettmer, Virginia Oelkers, Sharon Heitman, Cecelia Kautz, Twila Copple, Carolyn Siewert, Janet Siewert and standing at right is Melinda Kelly, a director. Not available for the picture were Linda Smith, Pat Gerken, Dianne Atkinson, Rose Kautz and Pat Olson**

By Lori Windhorst with input from scrapbook of Arlys Schmidt

40 years ago, the Zumbro Falls Lioness club held their charter night banquet on May 19th, 1984.

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## Business Highlight: Rhonda's Hair Care

By Tara Gullickson

Rhonda Sand, Owner of Rhonda's Hair Care, opened the doors to her salon 40 years ago, this June. As I made my way up the walkway the well-tended landscape is what set the tone before I entered into a space of relaxation, the chic aesthetic of the space welcomed me further inside.



Rhonda Sand

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## But First. COFFEE

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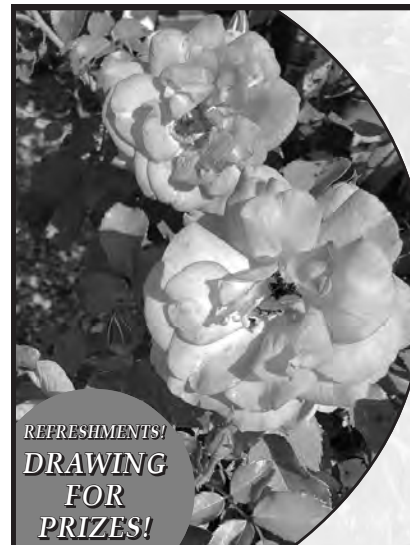
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## True North



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

When we're using a map we need to understand that there are two different types of north. They are: True North and Magnetic north. True north (geodetic north) refers to the direction along the surface of the earth as you proceed towards the geographic North Pole. The Magnetic north refers to the direction a compass needle will point corresponding to the magnetic field lines of the Earth.

We use a compass to point us to magnetic north. A compass needle will always point towards the Magnetic north pole. The pole may not be the exact point since the compass aligns itself to the local geomagnetic field which varies constantly. The pole is the wandering point in the Northern Hemisphere where the magnetic field points vertically downwards.

The two norths are important to map readers and navigators in making them understand topography. The difference between the magnetic north and the true north is the angle of incline. Each area can be a little different; a few degrees can be either added or subtracted to get the specific north one is looking for. The direction and source of your compass will impact where you end up. What does this all matter?

Consider this. If you're going somewhere and you're off course by just one degree, after one foot, you'll miss your target by 0.2 inches. (doesn't seem to important- right) But what about as you get farther out?

- After 100 yards, you'll be off by 5.2 feet. Not huge, but noticeable.
- After a mile, you'll be off by 92.2 feet. One degree is starting to make a difference.
- After traveling from San Francisco to

L.A., you'll be off by 6 miles.

- If you were trying to get from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., you'd end up on the other side of Baltimore, 42.6 miles away.

- In a rocket going to the moon, you'd be 4,169 miles off (nearly twice the diameter of the moon).

- Going to the sun, you'd miss by over 1.6 million miles (nearly twice the diameter of the sun).

Over time, a mere one-degree error in course makes a huge difference! What we are pointing our life at matters! Our direction matters. The truth in our faith matters. Where we are heading on our faith journey matters!

Magnetic north almost never- aligns with True North. Magnetic North misses the mark because it is focused on the magnetic pull. Truth North is unchanging. We can count on it to be in the same place it was the last time. And the next time too. As believers, we need to follow something that doesn't change, something that is true all the time. To be on the right track we must be following 'True North.' Jesus' truth never changes. Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is our true North! Jesus is the only way you will find True North.

Jesus is the one sent from God to be our Savior- the perfect Passover lamb for all humankind. Jesus gave His all for you and me. He desires that we focus our hearts and lives on Him.

Jesus said in John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." We can have life forever with Him- when we choose to believe Him; we must believe that He is

the Messiah. We need to believe that He is our truth for today and for the future too.

We all have the tendency to drift from True North. Often, we begin our walk with Jesus with high hopes and expectations- and then something happens. Life happens. Sorrow or hardship take over and we begin to drift. We don't see Jesus loving hand in our lives when everything seems to be going wrong! We struggle to believe and to have faith. Our hope takes a hit.

When that happens, we have to readjust and find our true north once again! We have to get back into the Bible. We can't stop meeting together- but meet all the more with other believers. Hebrews 10:23-25 says, "23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." We need to hold tight to our hope- trust in God's promises and keep being with other believers! We are not meant to live life or faith alone!!! Look at the words in Hebrews: hold tight, without wavering, think of ways, motivate one another, meet together, encourage each other... ESPECIALLY NOW! Especially now as the day of Christ return is drawing near.

If we don't hang tight, we will drift off course. There are many magnetic pulls that can take us away from True North.

- We can drift when we get our lives focused more on ourselves than on Jesus Words and His truth.
- We begin to drift when we allow com-

promise and sin into our lives.

- We drift when we focus more on the problems than the one with the solution. Jesus tells us to not worry- He's got this! Instead of focusing on the problem- we must keep our focus on Jesus Christ.

To stay on course we need to grow a daily walk with Jesus. As we read His Word each day and obey His truths we will be committed to the true north. Will it be easy- probably not! Satan loves to put roadblocks in our way. The world would rather have a pasty, ineffective follower of Jesus than one that is totally committed to Him. Reading the Bible, going to church, being a part of a small group are all ways to keep us on course.

When we follow True North, those things that are pulling us away or making our life a mess will need to be removed. When we recognize the mess we've made, or the wrong direction- it is ok to get help. You may need to go to counseling, or to treatment. You may need to get involved in a Celebrate Recovery or another 12-step program. To be restored to true north- you must first admit your need- you need to tell Jesus and someone you trust that you are lost! It's not easy to admit being lost. It happens to new believers as well as people that have been on the journey for a while. But once you recognize that you have lost your way- seek Jesus- go to Him, get back on course! You may have to go back through a lot of that junk that got you where you are now- but stay true. Remember the power and the love of the resurrected Jesus- Because He lives, we have hope for tomorrow. REMEMBER:

Jesus has the power to give you hope today, and for all your tomorrows.

Jesus is True North, Follow Him!

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May our work ethic be characterized by integrity and humility. Whether we are enjoying success or facing challenges, we can keep our eyes fixed on the One we serve, knowing that our labor is not in vain.

And as we go about our work each day as working for the Lord, we become a reflection of God's love and a light in this world.

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## Melvin A. Edelsbach, Jr.

Melvin A. Edelsbach, Jr., 79 of Kellogg, passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Mayo Clinic – St. Mary's Campus, Rochester, MN.

Melvin Allan was born February 4, 1945, in Wau-mandee, WI to Wilma (Fink) and Melvin Edelsbach, Sr.



He grew up in the Buffalo County, WI area. On April 18, 1966 he married Sharon R. Kelly and together they raised six daughters: Jeanine, Linda, Lisa, Lori, Nancy, and Cindy.

Melvin enjoyed hobby farming and logged with his brother William for many years until a near fatal injury in 2009. A skilled wood crafter and tinkerer. A faithful member of the United Church of God. He loved spending time with his family and grandkids. He set such a great example for his family in his faith, work ethic and honesty.

He is survived by his wife Sharon; daughters: Jeanine Case; Linda (Ted) Gamble; Lisa (Todd) Fox; Lori (Brad) Passe; Nancy (Steve) Shanahan; and Cindy (Darrin) Dillinger; 13 grandchildren: Shane, Vachelle, Katey, Matt, Rileigh, Breena, Isabel, Jack, Luke, Grant, Austin, Tyler, and Trent; one great grandson Revan; four step-grandchildren: Dan, Toni, Emily, Adam; 10 step-great grandchildren: Logan, Ian, Hannah, Mason, Johnnelvis, Owen, Christopher, Gianni, Easton, Ashton; a sister Ellen Amy and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter Melanie; a grandson Dustyn; and eight siblings: Loren, Dawn, William, Russell, Shirley, Ivy, Marvin and Jesse.

A visitation was held from 10 am to 12 pm, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Abbott Funeral Home, Wabasha, Interment was at Hill-side Cemetery, Minneiska, MN.

Services entrusted to Abbott Funeral Home & Crematory, Wabasha, MN. Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at [www.abbottfh.com](http://www.abbottfh.com)

## David Michael Matthees

David Michael Matthees, 71, of Mazeppa, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at his home. He was born in Zumbrota on May 3, 1952, to Donald and Frieda (Schultz) Matthees. He grew up in rural Goodhue before his family moved to a farm in rural Mazeppa. He graduated from Zumbrota High School in 1970. After high school he worked for Ready-Mix, Hinrichs Plumbing, and for Don Ramstad and Allan Schumacher running heavy equipment. Dave grew up farming and it became his full-time job in 1981 with his father and brother Keith. Dave was united in marriage to Diane Lauer on June 5, 1982, at the Church of Nazarene in Backus, MN. They made their home in rural Mazeppa, farming and raising their three sons, Jeffrey, Matthew, and Chad. Dave was a past member of the Covered Bridge Riders Snowmobile Club, the Saddle Club, and was a Zumbrota Township Board member for many years. He



was a past member of Christ Lutheran Church and a current member of Lands Lutheran Church. Dave enjoyed snowmobiling and watching his sons' high school wrestling and football games. He liked getting together with his classmates and friends to play cards and socialize at the Zumbrota VFW, the Mazeppa Liquor Store, and Leo's. He was also a founding member of The Lodge and enjoyed playing cards there and visiting with his friends. Dave loved to drive around the countryside and check his crops. Most of all, he loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandkids, and playing cribbage with them.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Matthees of Mazeppa; three sons, Jeffrey (Michelle) Matthees of Goodhue, Matthew (Desiree) Matthees of Mazeppa, and Chad (Blair) Matthees of Albert Lea; four grandchildren, Levi, Jacob, Lydia, and Clay; siblings, Gary (Kathy) Matthees of Plover, WI, Dale Matthees (Jeri Petree) of Goodhue, Keith (Diane) Matthees of Mazeppa, and Marla (Steve) Lodermeier of Zumbrota; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Memorial service was at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Lands Lutheran Church. Reverend David Krinke officiated. Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota and for one hour prior to the service at the church cemetery. Burial took place in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to an organization of the donor's choice.

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## Craig Garet Grudem

Craig Garet Grudem, age 76, of Zumbrota, MN, a beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother, and friend was called to his heavenly home on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Craig was born on August 19, 1947, at the Red Wing Hospital in Red Wing, MN, to Clifford and Helen (Tiedemann) Grudem. He was baptized on September 21, 1947, at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, where he was a lifelong member. He lived and grew up in Zumbrota and graduated from Zumbrota High School in 1965. After high school, he attended Rochester Junior College and Mankato State University in Mankato, MN. He graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. On October 21st, 1972, Craig was united in marriage to Judy Berg at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. He worked for Nestle

Foods as a Sales Representative for over 35 years until he retired in 2014. This career brought Craig and his family much enjoyment over the years and many friendships.

Craig always had a smile on his face. Laughter was a big part of Craig's life, he loved to joke around and bring a smile to anyone's face. He was an avid sports fan, he loved watching and attending Vikings, Twins, Timberwolves, North Stars, and Wild games. He especially loved watching and attending the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Cougars games where his kids and grandkids played baseball, football, basketball, and dance team. He made it a priority to attend every event and rarely missed any games.

He was a devoted husband to his wife, Judy, and father to his son, Brian and his wife,

Judy, and his son, Josh, and his wife, Lindsey.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Judy Grudem; son, Brian (Judy) Grudem of Zumbrota and grandchildren, Katelyn (Tj) McBryde, Tyler Grudem, Hailey Grudem, and Kevin Grudem; son, Josh (Lindsey) Grudem of Wanamingo and grandson, Percy Grudem; his sister, Carol Gates; his brother, John (Elaine) Grudem.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Clifford and Helen and many sisters and brothers-in-law.

Memorial service was at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Christ Lutheran Church. Reverend Wayne Schoch officiated. Visitation was from 5 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial was at the Zumbrota Cemetery.

## Mazeppa Memorial Day: Honoring the Brave

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Groups including the boy and girl scouts as well as 4-H are invited and encouraged to participate and should plan to meet on Elm Street prior to the parade. The American Legion Post #588 and the Auxiliary Post #588 invites everyone to the Veterans Memorial on Maple Street Bridge in Mazeppa for the Memorial Day Ceremony starting at 11:00 a.m., following the parade. The community is invited to the Mazeppa American Legion to enjoy a community potluck following the Memorial Day Ceremony. Flags to honor a loved one during the Field of Flags ceremony in July will be available for purchase during the potluck. The cost of these flags are \$10.00 each and your support is greatly appreciated. Poppy sales start prior to Memorial Day and can be obtained from a member of the Ladies Auxiliary or at the Legion Post in Mazeppa.

## Correction

The two photos in the field of flags story last month were incorrectly identified.

The proper names for the photo on page 1 were (Left to right: Wes Voeltz, John Gruhke, Raymond Goranson).

The picture on page 8 should have been (Left to right: Wes Voeltz, Jim Kiffmeyer)

*Thank you*

*I wish to thank my children for hosting a GREAT 90th Birthday Celebration for me.*

*I am thankful for all the family and friends that participated along with all the beautiful cards and gifts I received.*

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## Missy's Managing the Manor

A monthly read with tips and tricks (that work for me) on my quest to becoming more organized while decluttering.

### Electronic Organizing



By  
Missy Papenfus

What's electronic organizing? Pictures on your phone and computer, emails, Word documents or PDF computer files, apps on your phone, etc.

We've had our Samsung 10 cell phones for five years. Our son Monty dropped his and broke his camera. So that prompted us all to upgrade our phones. We typically hate upgrading our phones because it takes time. You need to figure out which new phone to get, and then log into all the apps that you use.

In our case, it was pretty seamless. Monty and I upgraded our phones. My husband Mike got his new phone two days later. By that time I had it all figured out what to do to help him speed up the process. This all happened fast. In hindsight, I wish I would have deleted the apps I didn't use (we had all the information from the old phones transferred to the new phones). Next on my to-do list is to organize my apps and delete pictures and videos I don't use. Videos take a lot of storage, and I tend to take video at concerts, which I never go back and look at anyway! When I'm riding along in the car or sitting waiting in a waiting room somewhere, I try to delete a few things. When I think about doing it all at once, it overwhelms me, and I don't delete anything. Brake it down, short and sweet, set a timer, and get to work.

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Off season storage.

There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

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Save the date...for the Mazeppa Monthly Markets this summer. If you're at the 3rd Thursday Summer Markets in Mazeppa, stop over to chat with us! Coming up in June, July, August, and September.



Business Highlight

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Rhonda's Hair Care

I was quickly greeted by staff and soon after a sweet, familiar voice telling me to make myself comfortable as she would be right out. Rhonda is the owner of a successful full-service salon and has been in business for the



last 40 years; what an accomplishment to be proud of. Rhonda passed her boards at the young age of twenty and graduated cosmetology school in 1982. Growing up she en-



joyed working with her hands and appreciated making others feel good about themselves by highlighting their best features. After graduation Rhonda started out in the beauty industry as a stylist in a salon for about a year and a half. It was not long before Rhonda was presented with an opportunity she could not refuse; one that would ultimately change her entire life. Knowing the risk involved with being a small business owner Rhonda made the decision to go for it anyway. At the time Joe and Rhonda were



renting a house next door when they were approached by Gloria Camp, a business owner from the area whom had known Joe personally. Gloria offered for Rhonda to take over her salon and continue to offer beauty services here in town. Had the stars not aligned just the way they had, when they had, Rhonda may have never had the opportunity to run the risk and life as she knows it could have ended up very different.

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A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

April 2, 2024 we celebrated 17 years of owning MotoProz! April 2, 2007 was the first day we officially owned MotoProz. September 2007 Monty started kindergarten at Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools and graduated in May 2020. The best part of a small town family-owned business is working and being together every day. Monty has been working right along-side us from day 1.

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Thank You

The family of Dean Edwin Henn expresses heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who attended, in body or spirit, a Celebration of Dean's life, which was held recently in his hometown of Zumbro Falls.

Dean was 66 when he passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 11, 2024. Family and friends gathered for an informal memorial party a month later, on March 16, at the Neptune Bar in Zumbro Falls.

The Henn family acknowledges that the turnout was greater and more heartwarming than could have been expected or hoped for. Dean lived his entire life in Zumbro Falls, and his community certainly showed up in strong numbers and support. Many others, including extended family and childhood friends who had not seen Dean in decades, traveled long distance to share memories and stories.

The family also extends special thanks to The Neptune Bar owners and staff for graciously hosting this memorial party, and to Delila's Catering Service, as well.

MISSY'S MESSAGE

HOW TO DIET WITHOUT DIETING?



MISSY PAPENFUS

It's not a diet, it's a lifestyle change. Try leveling up. Anything could be a level up (making better choices). It's not about being perfect, it's about consistency.

Some ideas of level ups to try, drinking two glasses of water when you wake up first thing in the morning, as compared to not drinking any water. Stay hydrated and drink water which in turn helps feel full.

Taking smaller walks instead of being overwhelmed by an hour walk or going to the gym. Completing a 15 or 20 minute workout instead of being overwhelmed by a 45 minute workout.

Eating a salad instead of French fries or eating a few fries instead of the whole order. Eating half of a sandwich or desert instead of the whole thing. Watching portion sizes. Stop when you are no longer hunger, instead of eating the whole thing just because it's there.

Make a list of what you want to complete that you don't think is good enough, but that you can do as am improvement, and typically wouldn't have done. See how these little "wins" can add up.

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.



## Business Highlight

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### Rhonda's Hair Care

During the purchase of the business Rhonda went on to complete her managers hours and obtain the required permits and licenses needed to make her dream a reality. Rhonda graciously opened her doors to the public on June 14th, 1984 and has brought such a beautiful full-service salon to this charming rural community. Rhonda continues to offer expert services at an affordable price including mani-pedi's, cutting, perming, foiling, coloring, facial waxing, and styling. Rhonda also carries premium hair care products for purchase, she currently carries Matrix/Biolage and Kendra product lines. The shop is located at 120 1st Avenue North in Mazeppa and to book an appointment you are encouraged to contact the ladies by phone at 507.843.5912. As most of Rhonda's clients know she has a

deep passion for interior decorating and routinely remodels and moves furniture, and walls around to create an ever-changing space to keep up with the many trends. Originally the shop was positioned in the back of the building but after much effort and expense the salon was brought up to the front of the house where it is today. Most of Rhonda's career has been independently running her salon and she has always kept an open mind as the shop continues to evolve and opportunities arise. In May of 1986 Deb Duncan came to work for Rhonda until the summer of 1990 when Deb branched off on her own right up the road in Zumbro Falls; Rhonda and Deb have remained close friends ever since. In July of 2018 Josie Hofschulte rented a space from Rhonda as a stylist until she became a fulltime employee at Mayo Clinic in December 2021. When Josie joined the team the tanning room became a thing of the past as the mani-pedi area was then put in it's place. Meg Starkson filled the role as nail technician in 2011 and worked at the shop until 2014. Around that same time Carrie Blanck started her practice as a nail technician and continues to offer the community her skilled services. Rhonda truly appreciates these incredible women and all that they have brought to the salon in its 40 years of service to the community. Rhonda has had many clientele come and go for various reasons over her many years in business. She remembers her very first customer on record, Scott Sheridan, who since has moved from the area, but Rhonda still takes care of his sis-



ter Molly and parents Ron and Bonnie. Looking through her old appointment books and reminiscing of her earlier days she remembers so many of the individuals who have been with her from the very beginning and can't possible list them all in fear of forgetting someone, but she hopes that each of them knows just how greatly appreciated they are as they are more than just great clients to her, but also amazing friends. So many have passed away throughout her 40 years, may they rest in peace, they are certainly not forgotten. Rhonda would like to say 'Thank You' to all who have patronized her salon at some point in her career and appreciates the continued support she receives from you all. Rhonda is very familiar with the challenges of being self employed. The experience came with long hours and she had to have self dis-

cipline in the first half of her career, but having the flexibility to rearrange her schedule as needed as the kids got older was such a blessing. Joe and Rhonda Sand eventually bought the entire building and made it into not only a successful business but also a happy home. They have three beautiful children, Ben, Ozzie, and Clare, who are all married and in total they have seven grandchildren. Family is what motivates Rhonda and is her biggest reward in life. Rhonda shared with me that her biggest thank you goes to her husband Joe, for always being at her side throughout her career and picking up the pieces when she needed him most. Rhonda enjoys partaking in her hobbies of painting, knitting, flowers, and gardening during her time away from the salon.

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# Zumbro Falls Lioness/Lions, 40 years and counting!

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signed on as charter members. Some projects back in the day were bake sales, pancake breakfast, chicken BBQ, scholarships and a benefit held to raise money for a medical van, just to name a few.

The Zumbro Falls Lioness held another charter night on September 15th, 2021 and became the Zumbro Falls Lioness/Lions group to conform with Lions club international. Lions club International was started in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones to gather people to help improve their communities. Now over 100 years later, there are chapters all over the world. Current chapter activities include adopt a highway, pizza and bingo party for Great River Homes, bake sales, Easter egg hunt, bingo manpower, scholarships, concession stand and various other activities.

For 40 years the Zumbro Falls chapter has been making a difference in Zumbro Falls and surrounding communities. Original charter member Arlys Schmidt has been a member in the chapter for all 40 years and shared some thoughts. "I have fantastic memories of the chapter over the years.

We have done a lot for the community and carried out the Lions motto, we serve. The fun, fellowship and friendship has been enormous and I am grateful for all the people I have met".

Well done Zumbro Falls Lioness/Lions, cheers to the next 40 years!

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ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS ..... Lioness Mary Plenge

## 5M1derful week of service



Arlys Schmidt, Lori Windhorst, Linda Arendt, Vicki Arendt and Lisa Davis enjoying a cold beverage after cleaning up at the cemetery.

By Lori Windhorst

5M1 district is made up of fifty one Lions clubs in Southern Minnesota. District Governor Terry Zabel had a goal to have Lions clubs of 5M1 district log 3000 hours of service during the week of April 21st-April 27th because service is the heart of what we are as Lions. Six Zumbro Falls Lioness/Lions club members accepted the challenge and provided 30+ hours of service during the week. Activities included planting trees, winter clean up at the cemetery, volunteering at a homeless center, volunteering at a hospice home, volunteering at church, filling a food pantry, cleaning a community space, donating blood, sorting medical supplies and volunteering at a free health clinic.

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Healthy Fats



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS  
Licensed Nutritionist

As I mentioned last month, we live in a world where what is considered normal is not healthy. It is normal to see a variety of “low fat” and “fat free” products at the grocery store. We have been told these products will support our health, but since the introduction of this concept in the 1970s there has been a significant increase in chronic illnesses, increased weight, and mental illness. While these “low fat” products may be normal today, they are not the food our grandparents grew up on and they are not promoting better health for us today.

Fat from healthy sources will promote health in the human body. Grass fed beef, pastured free-range chickens, and dairy cows that can graze on fresh pasture provide qual-

ity fat in the meat, eggs, and dairy. These sources of fat were essential to the pioneers that established the states that make up this country. The human body uses this fat for fuel and for developing the hormones necessary to keep the body healthy and the brain active. All the nerve cells of the human body are made of fat, which helps to insulate the signal pathways so clear communication can pass from cell to cell. The heart prefers fat for fuel, and reproduction is dependent on quality fat to sustain the significant activity of supporting new life in the womb. Quality fat sustains life.

Another significant factor associated with quality fat is the fat-soluble vitamins. Vitamin D, Vitamin A, Vitamin K, and Vitamin E are absorbed with fat into the body to activate cellular activity, strengthen bones, and defend cells from harmful chemicals. Most Americans are deficient in these four vitamins because they do not choose the food sources that contain these important vitamins. Here are some of the top food sources for these fat-soluble vitamins:

Vitamin A – Top sources include liver, salmon, goat cheese, butter, eggs, cream cheese, whole milk, and cod liver oil. Vegetables like sweet potato, kale, and carrots contain beta-carotene which the body can transform into active vitamin A, but requires a longer process compared to the active vitamin A from the animal sources.

Vitamin D – Top sources include salmon, halibut, sardines, canned tuna, egg yolks, and cod liver oil. Your own body can make Vi-

tamin D but this requires regular exposure to the sun, which is impossible to do in the northern states for half of the year.

Vitamin E – Top sources include sunflower seeds, almonds, peanuts, peanuts, goose, and rainbow trout. Wheat germ was the source where vitamin E was first discovered and is an important reason to consider eating whole grain products.

Vitamin K – Top sources include collard greens, spinach, kale, chicken breast, sauerkraut, kefir, gouda, blue cheese, and egg yolks.

These quality fat sources will provide essential nutrients your body can thrive on. Circle the food items you already use regularly and underline those food items you are willing to try. Combining these food items together into a savory dish will provide you with a satisfying, nutritious meal.

More than 100 years ago, Dr. Weston Price researched the effects of the modern food preparations that were beginning to advance through the western culture of Europe and the United States. He documented his research in the book, “Nutrition and Physical Degeneration.” In cultures all around the world, he discovered the importance of quality fat to sustain a society. When the culture moved toward more processed foods, more “low fat” foods, and more convenient foods, the result was increased cavities, increased need for braces on teeth, and decreased fertility. These are all the symptoms we see in today’s modern living. You can find out more about Dr. Price’s work and the thriving

community that is applying the principles he discovered at <https://www.westonaprice.org/>

Make your health a priority in 2024. Change is required, but the outcome is worth the effort. Little changes can make a big difference over time. Adding quality fat sources can be one of those little changes. If you would like to pursue a healthy lifestyle and increase longevity, I can help you start a plan.

Contact me to discuss your health goals for 2024. I can help you reach those health goals with whole food plans customized to your specific needs. You can contact me at [nutritionproportion@gmail.com](mailto:nutritionproportion@gmail.com), or check out my website at [www.nutritionproportion.net](http://www.nutritionproportion.net) Start this year with a new plan. Foundation to Thrive is a 16 week lifestyle transformation to help you reach your health goals in 2024.

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## New Breakfast Cereals – Loaded with Chemicals



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

General Mills has launched a new cereal line called “LOADED.” GM is filling their cereal squares with vanilla cream. But tests are revealing alarming levels of heavy metals in the filling. Loaded contains more than double the amount of the EPA’s allowable levels for lead, 400% higher levels of cadmium and up to 1650% higher aluminum levels compared to the EPA’s standards for drinking water. The weed killer Glyphosate and eight other pesticides were also detected.

Daily walking is one of the most effective ways to stay fit and active. Regular walking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic age-related diseases like heart disease, high

blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and cancer. The largest health gains came from walking up to 7000 or 8000 steps per day, continuing to about 12,000 steps per day as being ideal.

Excited about 5G wireless? Don’t be. Studies reveal that 5G wireless has the potential to induce neurological damage, psychiatric problems and due to its effect on brain development, increasing the risk of conditions like dementia. Also, a December 2023 study showed that 5G wireless had an effect on sperm count and motility.

Pregnancy and vaccines do not go hand and hand despite what medical doctors will tell you. Studies show that pregnant women given the swine flu vaccine had a statistical number of increased miscarriages. In addition, when combined with the flu vaccine it was reported that women were more likely to miscarriage within 28 days following the vaccination. Sadly, the American Academy of Physicians (AAP) recommends that all newborns should receive a hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hrs of birth despite hepatitis

B being a disease that is primarily contracted from IV drug use or promiscuous sexual activity. Speaking of vaccinations, young people who received the COVID-19 vaccine were significantly more likely to die than those who did not receive the shot. According to data from the United Kingdom’s Office of National Statistics those who received four covid vaccine had a 318% higher mortality rate than the unvaccinated group. As far as childhood vaccinations in general, another study found that vaccinated children had higher rates of asthma, allergies, eczema, respiratory infections, behavioral issues and other health conditions. Back to the covid vaccine, a separate study found that for every life saved there were nearly 14 times more deaths caused by the covid vaccine.

The pharmaceutical and medical devices industries paid physicians more than \$12 billion over 10 years, according to a study published last month in JAMA. The analysis found the industries made 85,087,744 payments totaling \$12.13 billion to 826,313 physicians — 57.1% of practicing physicians across 39 specialties. Orthopedic surgeons, neurologists and psychiatrists, and cardiologists received the most money. Trauma surgeons and pediatric surgeons received the least. “Money given to doctors has a purpose: it is for marketing,” cardiologist Dr. John Mandrola and co-author of the study wrote on his Substack. “If these direct payments to doctors did not work, industry would not spend billions.”

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Two weeks before teachers were scheduled to return to school, Monica became the proud owner of her "new" 20 acre farm in Wanamingo township.

### Moving In:

Friends came to help -- parishioners from her new church, neighbors from her previous homes, colleagues from her school. Many hands make short work -- the Pack Rat shipping container was quickly emptied, and (priority number one) the bed was assembled. (No more sleeping on an air mattress!!! YAY!)

### And Now I Need:

A bigger lawn mower. The push mower from the suburbs was not going to work on a five-acre yard.

A chainsaw. Monica had been told that the electricity bills could run as high as \$700 a month in the winter. But downstairs was a fireplace with an insert and a blower. Claudia (Monica's sister) had, for decades, heated her homes exclusively with wood. After researching the many makes, models, and sizes, Monica bought an Echo with 16" blade. It wasn't too long, it wasn't too heavy -- it was just right. (Her guy-friends were gladly willing to fell the big stuff with their chainsaws that didn't get much use in suburbia.)

An ATV and trailer to haul the wood that was cut.

A hydraulic wood splitter to size the pieces for handling, stacking, and fitting into the fireplace.

A farm truck. Dean (4WD Club and motor-head friend) found a 13-year-old F250 that would surely fit her farm needs and budget ... but Monica had to buy it THAT DAY or it would be gone. Stop working on lesson plans. Stop assembling the dining room table. Drive up to Elk River to see the truck. Yup, it's a truck.

Yup, it seems to drive okay. (Monica's experience with vehicles -- at this point -- was limited to sedans, minivans, Jeep Wranglers, and Goldwing motorcycles). Yup, I'll take it ... but I will have to pick it up next week.

Plow blade. Silly to have someone else plow the long driveway when you own an F250. Another new skill to learn. (It can't be that difficult, can it?)

Farm clothes. Slacks, blouses, and pretty sandals are great for teaching, but are obviously impractical for farm chores. Muck boots, overalls, heavy winter jackets, and gloves that can get dirty while still keeping you warm. Monica was never shy of shopping at thrift stores; there was plenty to be found there and at a reasonable price.

### Winterizing the Home

The pretty stuff was going to have to wait (replacing the rust-stained robin's egg blue tub and commode was just not important, repainting the dingy living room walls could be done later, the bare concrete floors in the basement could wait another year - or two, the harvest gold range would cook food just like any other color of stove).

But the attic insulation was thin. (When Monica accompanied the building inspector, he mentioned adding insulation would decrease that dreaded electricity bill. He also assured Monica there were no monsters lurking up there.) YouTube can teach you anything! So Monica and her grandson braved the attic heat in October and blew in cellulose.

Insulating the 1970s single-pane windows with plastic was a multi-day task: thirteen 48" windows downstairs, seven 48" windows upstairs, plus one enormous 108" picture window (a challenge!)

Adding a deck and sliding glass door off the kitchen. Most people would not consider this a winterizing project, but Monica grilled most evenings (yes, even in January and February).

### Cutting, Hauling, Splitting, Stacking the Firewood

They say that heating with wood heats you more than once. Maybe five times. Six?

Cutting: Dead-fall was plentiful, so felling live trees and waiting for them to dry was not an issue.

Cutting and Hauling: The woods were overgrown and nearly impassable -- ATV-sized trails needed to be made so wood could be hauled out.

More Hauling: Claudia suggested a LOT of kindling. You just needed to bend down, pick up a dry stick, and toss it into the trailer.

Stacking: An old, dilapidated shed near the house needed only a few racks to turn it into an airy, usable woodshed.

More Stacking: Throughout the winter, the firewood supply in the house needs to be replenished.

Definitely six times. Maybe seven.

Enjoying the Farm

Watching the corn and soybeans that surrounded the farm turn from lush green to crisp brown. Seeing and hearing the huge combines harvest the crops and smelling the



rich, black dirt left behind.

Listening to the geese fly overhead, heading south for the winter.

Noticing the sun rise and set just a little farther south every day.

Deciding where to put the chicken coop in

the spring. Considering what livestock to put in the pastures and pole barn.

Sitting on the new deck on a sunny October afternoon, adult beverage at hand, and celebrating the amazing differences between a suburban home and a rural farm.



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Not Pictured:  
Eliot Martin Van Downes



### Zumbrota-Mazeppa Class of 2024 Commencement

Friday, May 31st  
7:00pm at the High School Gym

**Musical Prelude**  
ZHHS Choir - Ms. Susan Peterson  
Like An Eagle, Carl Strommen

ZMHS Band - Ms. Katrina Schuneman  
Joyant Winds, Ed Huckleby

**Processional**  
ZMHS Band  
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar/arr. Michael Story  
The Star-Spangled Banner, Music by John Stafford Smith/  
Lyrics by Francis Scott Key, arr. James Swearingen

**Welcome**  
Mr. Ryan Barnick, Superintendent

**National Anthem**  
ZMHS Band

**Remarks**

ZMHS Choir  
Omnia Sol (Let Your Heart be Staid) by Z. Randall Stroope

**Senior Address**

**Presentation of the Class of 2024**  
Mr. John Stapleton, Principal

**Reading of Student Names**  
John Stapleton

**Presentation of Diplomas**  
ZM School Board Members and Mr. Ruan Barnick

**Recessional**  
ZMHS Band

# HAPPY GRADUATION TO THE CLASS OF 2024!



## Zumbrota-Mazeppa Robotic Team Receives Grant from the Zumbrota Community Trust Organization

The Zumbrota/Mazeppa Robotic team 7273 received a grant for \$1000 in January from the Zumbrota Community Trust Organization to help supply Robotic Youth with prescription safety glasses. With the money from the grant, each Youth that wears glasses has an opportunity to get one pair of prescription safety glasses to use during their years on the Robotic Club. When the Youth build or around the robot plus at competition, they are to be wearing safety glasses or goggles over their glasses. With the grant money they do not have to worry about scratching or breaking their own glasses when wearing goggles over them. In the Robotic program the Youth are assigned a task for the year for the robot. After learning the task, the Youth must engineer, build, code and learn to drive the robot in about 8 weeks. This year the team competed in Duluth on February 29, March 1 and 2. Everyone had a great time at the competition.



Gabriella Perrotti and Aiden Rolland



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“From low commodity prices and extreme weather to continued threats like highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), Minnesota’s farmers and their families face a wide range

of unique stressors that can have ripple effects in all areas of life,” said Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. “You do not have to navigate times of hardship on your own. I encourage farmers and their families to make use of the MDA’s resources designed to support you.”

The Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline is open to anyone who is struggling with stress, anxiety, or depression. Calls are answered 24/7 by trained counselors who can lend a listening ear or connect you with help for business, financial, or legal problems. Call 833-600-2670 or text “FARMSTRESS” to 898211 to get started.

If you or someone you know is dealing with a crisis caused by either a natural disaster or financial problems, contact one of the MDA’s nine Farm Advocates. They know all about agricultural lending practices, mediation, lender negotiation, farm programs, crisis counseling, disaster programs, and to recog-

nize the need for legal and/or social services.

Minnesota also has Ted Matthews and Monica McConkey, experienced, ag-focused mental health providers who offer confidential counseling services at no cost to farm individuals, couples, or families anywhere in the state. Sessions can take place in person, on Zoom, or over the phone, and insurance is not needed. They have helped hundreds of Minnesota farmers and farm family members over the years.

For financial assistance, the Rural Finance Authority (RFA) provides a variety of low-interest loans, including one for disaster relief. The MDA also posts a number of grant opportunities throughout the year, such as the AGRI Livestock Investment Grant, which can help improve, update, and modernize livestock operation infrastructure and equipment.

Specific to dairy farms, Dairy Business Planning Grants cover 50% of your cost to

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To learn more about all of the state resources that are available to help in times of stress, visit [www.minnesotafarmstress.com](http://www.minnesotafarmstress.com), or contact the Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline at 833-600-2670 or by texting “FARMSTRESS” to 898211.

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Historical Happenings

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THE MAZEPPA JOURNAL, Editor and Publisher: Barbara and Reider Tommeraas  
JANUARY 20, 1956  
OBITUARIES  
CASPER WEBER

Casper Weber, lifelong Mazeppa resident, passed away suddenly from a heart attack at 8 a.m. Monday, after getting into his car. He was 59 years of age and had been in ill health for several years.

Casper Weber was born Sept. 23, 1896 in Mazeppa, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Weber. He was married to Leona Schumacher, who survives with a daughter Mrs. J.L. Hallett (Betty) of Los Angeles, Calif. and a son, Richard H. Weber of Mazeppa. Other survivors are two grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Weber of Austin; two brothers, Aloysius Weber of Austin and J. Alex Weber of Mazeppa and one sister, Mrs. Kathryn Lorfald of Zumbrota. His father and a brother Christ preceded him in death.

Mr. Weber, who served in the navy during World War I, was employed by the J. Alex Weber Plumbing Co.

Palbearers were Leo Colling, John Gruhlke, Nick Reiland, Murl Megears, William Clemens and Leo Reding.

IGNATZ CARL GROSSBACH  
Ignatz Carl Grossbach died Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lake City hospital, following a lingering illness. He was 65 years of age.

Mr. Grossbach was born in Goodhue county May 25, 1890. He farmed near Mazeppa until 12 years ago when he retired and moved into the village.

He married the former Elizabeth Copp of near Lake City Nov. 25, 1919. She survives together with two children, Warren Grossbach of Mazeppa and Mrs. Victor Nehring (Lois) of Mazeppa; three grandchildren and four brothers, Fred and Rudolph of Mazeppa and Edward and George of Zumbro Falls. Four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Pallbearers will be John Roland, John Gruhlke, Carl Stull, William Von Bargen, Albert Oelkers and Irving Fagerhaug.

MISS ANNA C. REUTER  
Miss Anna C. Reuter died Monday at Zumbrota Community hospital following an illness of several weeks. She was 83 years old and for the past several months resided with her nephew Peter Reuter near Mazeppa.

Miss Reuter was born Dec. 7, 1872, in Goodhue County. She resided most of her life in Janesville where she operated a millinery store for 50 years.

Surviving are three nephews, Peter, Richard and Alfred Reuter of Mazeppa and a niece,, Mrs. Vernon Dahling of Bellechester.

MRS. MARTIN EVENSON  
Zumbrota—Mrs. Martin Evenson, lifetime resident of Zumbrota and Mazeppa died Monday night in the Zumbrota Community Hospital after a brief illness. She was 63 years old.

The former Emillie Augusta Reinholz was born Oct. 28, 1892 in Pine Island Township. She lived all her life in the area, spending the past 11 years in Zumbrota Township.

She is survived by her husband, to whom she was married Feb. 28, 1917 in Wabasha; one son, Milfred at home; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Hokscho and Mrs. Bernard Quast, both of Zumbrota, two brothers Emil Reinholz of Mazeppa and Albert Reinholz of Minatare, Nebr; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Rietmann of Zumbro Falls and Mrs. Albert King of Byron.

GEORGE HORTON  
George E. Horton died of a heart attack Sunday evening, January 8th at his farm home at the age of 72.

Mr. Horton was born November 26, 1883 on a farm near Mazeppa. He lived there for 34 years before moving to a farm at Hammond, Minn. for 13 years. He farmed present Olmsted county farm for 25 years.

In Rochester, January 9, 1907, he married Dolly Mae Whipple. She survives with a son, Curtis Horton, Rt. 4 Rochester, and a daughter Mrs. Lester Moe of Rochester, and three grandchildren.

Surviving sisters are Mrs. Etta Terry, Parkers Prairie, Minn.; Mrs. M.L. Squier, Loma Linda, Calif.; Mrs. Grancy Rhodes, Coleville, Washington; Mrs. May Whipple, Red Wing; and Mrs. Clara Postier, Rochester.

Pallbearers were Mr. Horton’s nephews, Rex Postier, Rochester, Jim Roland, Mazeppa, Ronald Stull of Rochester, Dewitt Whipple, Oronoco and Floyd Whipple of Rochester.

POWER MEETING  
Don’t forget the power meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. this Thursday evening. Purpose of meeting is to discuss and study power situation in Mazeppa relative to buying new engine, buying outside power or selling present plant. Everyone is invited and urge to attend.

A Note of Encouragement  
It was encouraging indeed to see the turnout at the school Saturday evening of Mazeppa and area residents dedicated to the task of saving the Mazeppa high school.

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To prevent hydroplaning, keep your tires in good condition and reduce speed when driving on wet roads.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and of course, drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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Work zones can present many challenges — narrow lanes, sudden stops, traffic pattern shifts and uneven road surfaces. This means that drivers need to be on the lookout for flaggers and road signs that indicate changes to the speed limit, detours and changing traffic patterns.

Brush Up on Safety Tips:

- Obey posted speed limits. The fine for speeding in a work zone is \$300.
- Drive undistracted. Cell phones, mobile devices, adjusting the radio — even eating — should be avoided in work zones.
- Stay alert, especially at night.
- Be patient. Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Expect work zones to constantly change. Day to day you could experience lane shifts, closures or moving workers and vehicles.
- Don't make unnecessary lane changes.
- Never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

Everyone plays a role in work zone safety! It is critical that drivers slow down and pay attention to help keep construction, utility and other workers in work zones safe, especially as the construction season ramps up.



## Cruise Control on Wet Roads

The spring and summer seasons can have their share of heavy rains and thunderstorms. Using cruise control on wet or slippery roads could send you on a cruise — straight into the ditch or oncoming traffic!

With dry road conditions, cruise control helps you safely monitor your speed, stay within the speed limit and improve driving comfort on long, fairly straight stretches of road. It should be used only when you are able to drive at a steady speed with safe road conditions.

On wet roads, if your wheels lose traction, the cruise control will continue to accelerate, causing the vehicle to skid. By the time you realize you are skidding, it could be too late.

When deciding if you should set your cruise control:

- Ask yourself if it's safe to travel the speed limit. If not, it isn't safe to set your cruise.
- Is there limited visibility? If it's foggy or raining and your range of visibility is significantly reduced, play it safe. Don't set your cruise.
- Is traffic moving smoothly? If it's stop-and-go, or there's heavy traffic around you, it's not safe to use cruise.

Remember that using your cruise control can be an advantage when driving long distances, but you are your vehicle's best safety feature.



## Share the Road with Farm Equipment

By Wabasha County Public Health

Spring weather means slow-moving farm equipment is on the road. It might be frustrating to follow them at what feels like a crawl, but safety should always be a priority. Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it difficult for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop. They make wide turns and can cross over the center line. Farm vehicles can also create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles behind them.

**Motorists should:**

- Slow down and use caution when approaching farm equipment.
- Watch for falling debris.
- Wait for a safe place to pass.
- Drive with headlights on at all times.

**Farm equipment operators should:**

- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.
- Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.
- Consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night.
- Please remember to watch for slow-moving farm equipment as the weather warms up.
- Be patient, be kind and share the road.



## Wabasha County Food Access Network (WFAN) Continues to Support Local Food Connections and Resources to Solve Hunger

By Wabasha County SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership)

With a diverse group of people working together to solve hunger across Wabasha County, we continue to listen stories such as this one shared by Channel One.

Make Hunger History, a plan initiated by Second Harvest Heartland and championed by Channel One Regional Food Bank, among other statewide partners, offers a bold goal to cut hunger in half for all Minnesotans by 2030.

Minnesotans visited food shelves a record seven million times in 2023, a clear indicator of the rising need in the state and the result of sky-high grocery, gas and utility prices coupled with the expiration of pandemic-era emergency relief programs. Channel One Regional Food Bank and Second Harvest Heartland, along with an extensive network of local food shelves and hunger relief partners, are challenging community leaders to find the necessary urgency and creativity to tackle the issue of hunger once and for all.

We all have enough to worry about. Food shouldn't be one of your worries. If you are struggling to afford food, maybe for the first time in your life, please don't hesitate to use any of the Wabasha County community resources.

"Last year, our food bank saw 296,012 household visits and distributed a record 13.9 million pounds of food in southeastern Minnesota. In February 2024, Channel One experienced a 47% increase in regional household visits compared to February 2023. With food insecurity reaching the highest rate and number of people and children since 2014 it's more important than ever to strengthen partnerships like this in the communities we serve. Working with a coalition like the Wabasha County Food Access Network ensures that we are directly addressing the unique needs of the individuals living and working in the neighborhoods that face the highest rates of food insecurity," said Virginia Wither- spoon Merritt, Executive Director, Channel One Regional Food Bank.

**The following Wabasha County food shelves are here to help:**

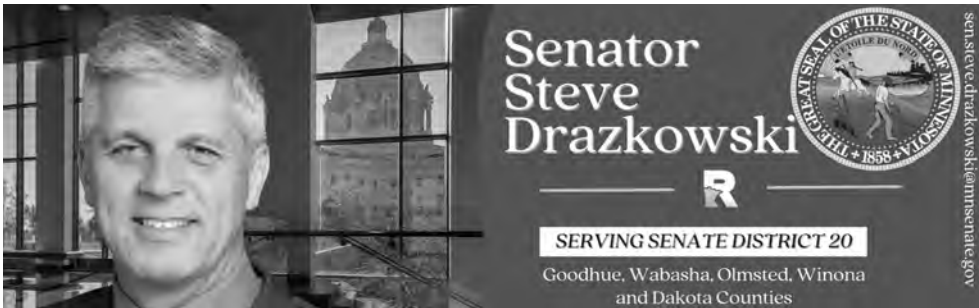
- Lake City Food Shelf
  - Plainview Elgin Food Shelf
  - Wabasha Area Food Share
  - Zumbro Valley Food Shelf
- Other Wabasha County food sources:**
- Community Gardens
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  - Lake City Community Garden
  - Wabasha Community Gardens
  - Zumbro Falls Community Garden

**Food Resources:**

- Fare for All-Red Wing
- Meals on Wheels Three Rivers Community Action for seniors
- United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, and Pierce Counties Resource Guide
- Farmers Markets:**
- Plainview Farmer's Market
- Lake City Market by the Lake

To learn how to get involved with WFAN, please email Tina Moen or call her at 651-565-5200. SHIP is a state-based program that works at the local level to support healthier communities by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living.





Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
We are now at the point in the session where things are speeding up. Bills are passing, taxpayer money is being spent and the consequences will be felt for a long time. I will continue to point out the problems with the direction in which we are headed. Unsustainable spending and growth in government. Government putting its thumb on the scale against property rights, employers, and entrepreneurs. Changing our election laws so that election results are stacked against the people and toward the party of government. The only hope is if more people become informed and lend their voice to opposing these changes we'll have a chance to turn things around.

#### Free College for Illegal Immigrants

You read that right. Republicans attempted to amend the higher education omnibus policy bill to block illegal immigrants from being eligible for Minnesota's North Star Promise taxpayer-funded college program for students whose parents make less than 80K a year.

The North Star Promise is supposed to be a "last dollar" program. When a student exhausts all other scholarship and grant programs, the state will chip in on that last mile to get a qualifying student into a Minnesota

public or tribal college. The Minnesota Dream Act passed in 2013 allows people who did not enter the country legally to claim Minnesota resident status for Higher Education purposes. So, the interaction of the two laws and an unchecked border will combine to provide anyone who breaks the law and shows up in our state the opportunity to receive a college education courtesy of Minnesota taxpayers. In Addition, because they will not qualify for other types of aid, that "last dollar" could become very expensive.

The lack of enforcement at our southern border has brought millions of illegal immigrants into our country. Within 7 weeks, they are accessing free money from the taxes of hardworking Minnesotans, including money for college.

Democrats blocked the amendment. Their efforts to make Minnesota a magnet state for illegal immigrants continue.

#### Shotgun Zone Elimination Update

A few weeks back you may remember that I was able to support a bipartisan bill eliminating the shotgun zone in Southern Minnesota. An omnibus bill with that provision passed off the floor of the Senate a short time later, although it has exceptions for several

counties: Nicollet, Blue Earth, Freeborn, Mower, Olmstead and Dodge Counties. These counties can allow rifle hunting in their county at any time by adopting a resolution. I tried to amend a requirement for a hearing but was voted down so citizens in those counties will have to raise the issue themselves. I have heard from constituents that are very hopeful that this can pass into law this year, however, there is no parallel language in the House bill, so it's not a foregone conclusion that it will pass both houses this year.

Some of you have expressed doubts about the safety of rifles vs. shotguns. If you or someone you know is skeptical, I would urge you to read and share the information available. The data that supports the argument that shotguns are not safer than rifles and rifles may in fact be safer. Minnesota is one of the few remaining states with a shotgun only zone. This week I spoke with Tony Kennedy of the Star Tribune and you can read that story here. A lot of the available information on this topic is contained in the article.

#### Election Bill this year continues trend of non-bipartisanship

Thursday, the Senate debated an omnibus elections bill. This bill continues the pattern of expanding people's ability to vote with less verification about whether someone is entitled to vote or any way of determining whether someone has voted multiple times in different locations. Previously, homeless voters needed someone from a shelter to verify that they were a temporary resident. In the era of homeless encampments, this bill allows anyone to write "a description" of where they live. There is also a provision in

the bill that allows a voting jurisdiction to set up "pop up" voting stations to allow college students or similar groups of people to vote more conveniently rather than having to go to the local voting precinct or early voting center. The new Minnesota Voting Rights Act allows any individual in a "protected class" to sue in Minnesota Courts alleging that their vote has been "suppressed" or "diluted." Previously voting rights cases would have to be taken to a Federal Court.

One of the highlights of that bill include a requirement that persons conducting the exit poll are required to present a photo I.D. to the head judge, however, there is no provision requiring voters to have a photo I.D. The DFL also voted down an amendment that would have required an election judge to verbally ask if the voter is a citizen of the United States, which would have ensured that difficulty reading the voter's oath does not prevent someone from knowing that they need to be a citizen to vote.

In past years, elections bills were always bipartisan. Governor Dayton, along with previous governors, would pledge not to sign an election bill unless there is bipartisan support. Unfortunately, this spirit of bipartisanship was severely lacking from this bill, and only one Republican voted for the bill in the Senate.

Please contact me to share any issues, concerns, or feedback you have to assist me in best representing you. The best way to reach me is by email at [sen.steve.drazkowski@senate.mn](mailto:sen.steve.drazkowski@senate.mn) or by phone at 651-296-5612. My legislative assistant is Margaret Martin, and her number is 651-296-4264.

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## Squatter Problem is here in Minnesota

By Senator Steve Drazkowski

You may have read on the internet or seen stories on TV about the increasing problem of squatters taking over people's homes while they are away on vacation or elsewhere. Georgia, Florida, and Texas are experiencing the most problems. There was even an infamous case of a man who, having entered the US illegally from Venezuela, posted TikTok videos about how to squat in houses while committing other crimes until he was caught in Ohio.

Minnesota has not been immune to this problem, so far, it's mostly in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. There is no such thing as "squatters rights" in Minnesota except in very narrow circumstances. In order to claim an "adverse possession," someone has to have been living in a property for 15 years and paid taxes on the property for five years to claim a property. This can happen in cases where someone dies without the title being assigned or inherited by someone else and a person, usually a relative, has been living in the home during that time and paying taxes on it.

It does not occur when someone breaks into a house and starts living there, unauthorized. That is trespassing or even burglary. However, squatters in some parts of the state have taken advantage of lenient judges and prosecutors who would rather not take these sometimes complicated cases. In recent years, Democrats have put their thumb on the scale in favor of tenants and against landlords, with some squatters claiming to be tenants to illicitly get the protection of these laws. Governor Walz decreed a 2-year moratorium on evictions during COVID-19. Bad tenants got to stay, often without paying rent which further eroded property rights.

Property rights are a cornerstone of any society. Without them, every other civil institution is undermined.

This week, Senator Zaynab Mohammed brought another tenant rights bill to the Senate floor. This one requires landlords to allow outside parties ("Tenant organizers") access to their buildings and tenants. It also gives tenants more freedom to end a lease while placing further requirements on landlords in an eviction process. I tried to balance her bill by bringing an amendment that allowed for a fair but expedited eviction process for squatters. Democrats voted it down.

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## State Should Not Pick Winners and Losers in Sports Betting Debate



Rep. Pam Altendorf (R) District: 20A

Place your bets. Do you think this is the year Minnesota legalizes sports gambling?

Being able to put a wager on a sports game is an idea that has been debated for years at the State Capitol. It is one of those rare topics that truly is not partisan. You have Republicans and Democrats on both sides of this issue. Those in favor may think this is a personal freedom issue or want the state to get a cut of the action that is already taking place here illegally. Those opposed do not want to see an expansion of gambling or want people's lives impacted by it.

Regardless of whether you think sports betting is a good idea for Minnesota, there's no

denying the bill is closer to the finish line than ever before.

Specifically, the House legislation legalizes mobile sports betting, for people in Minnesota 21 years of age or older. It permits the 11 Tribal Nations in Minnesota to be mobile sports betting operators. The bill does not apply to sports betting conducted exclusively on Tribal Lands, which would be conducted by a Tribal gaming ordinance approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission and a Tribal-state compact.

The tax rate on mobile sports betting net revenue would be 10%. Bets placed on Tribal land would be specifically exempt from the proposed tax.

Last session, Democrats made the decision to go after e-pull tabs in our state. The effect of eliminating the "open all" feature is a decline in gaming revenue for local charities, which also ended up hurting needy organizations in our communities that benefited from the charitable gambling distributions.

In an effort to make up for that lost revenue, the bill's author has now agreed to include a provision that would lower tax rates for char-

ities.

What's not included is support for a struggling industry that happens to be the only sport in this state where you can legally wager: horse racing.

Canterbury Park and Running Aces are struggling to stay alive, and yet there is little in the way of assistance for these organizations. Out of a sports betting plan that's expected to generate millions of dollars a year to the state's coffers, the House bill would allocate only \$625,000 to horse racing purses. The bill also would not allow in-person wagers at the racetracks – which is senseless and one might argue is the entire reason people attend.

Just last week, Goodhue County residents who own and race horses at Running Aces traveled to the Capitol to testify, letting lawmakers know horse racing in Minnesota will end if something isn't done.

What I do not understand is why the bill authors are making the choice to pick win-

ners and losers. Some get all, some get something, and some get next to nothing. Why can't this bill be crafted so it's a win-win for all involved?

People who have reached out to me on this topic cannot understand why the Democrats are being so dysfunctional and why this is even an issue. Tens of thousands of Minnesotans each year enjoy being outdoors on a beautiful day watching horse races. Why would they not address keeping the horse racing industry alive and well in our state when they have the chance?

It's my hope that by the end of this session, the sports betting bill authors will choose to not pit one interest group over another and will do what's right for all of the people in Minnesota.

As always, please reach out by email at [rep.pam.altendorf@house.mn.gov](mailto:rep.pam.altendorf@house.mn.gov) or call me at 651-296-8635 if there's anything I can do for you.

## Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Council Persons Michael Hammes, Erica Young, and Dustin Wiebusch.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, Municipal Liquor Store Manager Todd Ihrke, Davi Kujawa from 3 Rivers Action, and Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

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## Mazeppa City Council Meeting (continued from page 20)

Present via electronic meeting: Wabasha County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Warren, Holly Galbus from the News Record, and Robert Josselyn.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffbrig.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the agenda and addendum. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve the March 13, 2024 regular Council meeting minutes and the March 23, 2024 Council quorum minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Warren presented the monthly Incident Command Report. City staff mentioned to him that 4-wheelers were tearing up the grass in the park.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson gave the Public Works monthly report.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave the Fire Department report.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager Todd Ihrke gave the liquor store report.

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave an engineering update.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to direct Bolton and Menk to move forward with drafting a revised right-of-way and easement map. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Administrator Karl Nahrgang gave a City Hall activities report.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to set a public hearing regarding rezoning for Parcels R23.00027.00 and R23.00190.00 from R-1 to C-2. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

David Kujawa from 3 Rivers Action told the Council about additional adult aide volunteer programs focused on helping eligible individuals do yardwork, house cleaning, care provider respite, as well as the traditional meals programs.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve building permit MZ23-15, 576 4th Ave. NE – set manufactured home. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve building permit 24-920-052, 362 Cherry St. E garage furnace re-activation. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to allow Lion's Club to move forward with a project to build an addition to their existing building located on City property. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to increase election judge pay to \$20/hour. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

A change in the Tax Increment Financing collection dates was proposed by the City's financial advisor due to the delay in estimated start date of the commercial project at 217 1st Ave. N.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to change the collection dates in the development agreement for Tax Increment Financing to begin in 2026 and completed upon conclusion of the 2035 collection year. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Council directed the City Administrator to discuss merits with staff and to look into costs for City provided work cell phones.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to approve 2024 Fire Contracts between the Mazeppa Volunteer Fire Department and the

Zumbrota, Pine Island, Mazeppa, and Chester Townships. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2024-11 Accepting a donation from the Mazeppa Lion's Club. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to set public hearing for May 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM for Flood Risk Mitigation ordinances in areas of future development. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to pay the bills and claims. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht cited posting and publishing procedures for Land Management Ordinance public hearings. He also asked if the Riverbluff Estates Minor

Subdivision 2 replat had been filed.

Councilperson Young thanked the Mazeppa Lion's Club for the donation towards music in the park, said that the Market/Music in the Park events would be on the 3rd Thursday of the months of June, July, August, and September, and reminded everyone that the Herb Vik Park cleanup would take place on May 18 beginning at 9:00 AM.

Councilperson Wiebusch thanked Bolton and Menk for presenting the sewer collection project, water extension, and WWTP informational meetings.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

## Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - March 13, 2024

The council met on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM. Present were all council members and Virginia Magyar a resident of Zumbro Falls.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The Clerk read to council the minutes from the February meeting which were accepted as read with a motion from Bankers, seconded Benson, all in favor, carried.

Treasurer's report followed with a motion to accept from Anderson, seconded Benson, all in favor, Carried.

Virginia Magyar asked the council about purchasing some different equipment for the tot lot park more suited for younger children in the neighborhood. A motion was made by Benson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, for the City to set aside \$2,000.00 for equipment to be purchased.

Donations presented to council from Bruce Heitmann for \$50.00 to the Fire Department and Joanne Appel for \$500.00 in memory of Francis Appel, were accepted with a motion from Benson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Decision was made from two bids received for the purchase of two pumps for the lift station. Council decided to go with WW Goetsch for \$109,614.00 by a motion from Benson, seconded Anderson, all in favor carried.

The primary election results received from Wabasha County were canvassed by council and accepted with a motion from Benson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

A temporary on sale liquor application was approved for an event to be held by the VFW Post 1802 on May 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. A motion to approve was made by Benson, seconded Anderson, all in favor, Carried.

Council agreed to hire G3 Fertilizing for \$1,825.00 to spray city lawns. This approved with a motion from Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Motion followed for the Clerk to pay bills presented and the meeting to adjourn with a motion from Anderson, seconded Benson, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,  
Susan Eischens, Clerk



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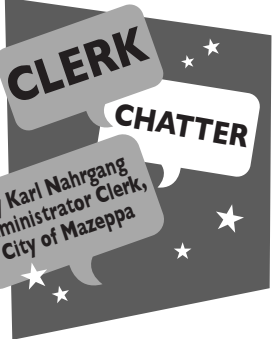
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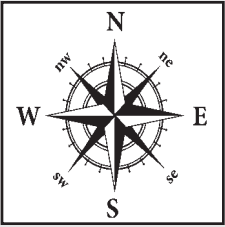
I have a dog that can open the screen door. When she does, instantly 2 of my dogs are running through the neighborhood. I know that they will come back on their own, but I still grab a leash, a waste bag, then follow them though the neighborhood alternately calling and cursing at my dogs. The think the neighbors get a chuckle watching these antics, but I track them down, pick up any waste they may have left behind and catch or chase them to home. A dog running loose is against ordinance, and sometimes mishaps occur. I take an action to get back into compliance because I do not want a neighbor's child to be frightened by the dogs, or for my dogs to antagonize other dogs.

Compliance with ordinance is about keeping peace and maintaining safety. Sometimes things get away from us, dogs slip away from containment, a person doesn't get around to hauling discarded items from the yard, the grass doesn't get mowed, or sidewalks remain unshoveled. We still must take care of those situations, to bring properties back into compliance with ordinance. The City doesn't want to send reminders to people that these things have to be done. The City sends notices to clean up your yard or contain animals because it's our responsibility to maintain peace and safety. Please do your part. Maintain your property and keep your animals constrained. If you have a question about ordinance you can call us at City Hall, or check it on the City's website.





# Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The Eclipse



By Terry Campbell

*This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.*

I have always been intrigued by the solar system. Growing up in the country the night sky seems so vast and captivating. The Big Dipper was one of the first constellations I was able to identify. If you follow the two stars that make up the front of the dipper you can find the North Star and the Little Dipper. Over sixty years on that tidbit of information. Years ago, I recall watching the northern lights in the winter sky. They seemed more common back years ago.

When I was a young kid, I read about Haley's Comet. My grandmother told about seeing it in the western sky about sunset back in 1910. Sometime in the late 1960's a comet visited earth and I got up a couple nights around 2am to look at it in the south-eastern sky. My fascination with traveling heavenly objects was anticipating the return of Haley's Comet. I was so excited that I would be able to see in 1986 but unfortunately it was barely visible at all to the naked eye.

Solar eclipses were interesting as well. My dad let us look at one through the welding helmet when we were growing up. I was amazed that the event could be tracked and predicted with such accuracy as to alert us to just when it would happen again. So, enters 2024 with the April 8th total solar eclipse and the fact that I would be living right on the edge of the band of totality. A 116 mile-wide zone where the moon would fully cover the sun at mid-day. What luck, it just clips the

north-western edge of Tennessee and our Kentucky Lake home is on the north-western edge of Tennessee.

The hysteria was building for the event. Some thought it was a cosmic sign ushering in a cataclysmic event. Down here they were giving away solar sunglasses everywhere. City hall had them, the Ranger station at Ft. Donelson Park had them, the gas stations sold them and they were at the checkout in the grocery stores. I picked a pair up and was warned not to drive with them on. I didn't know I looked that stupid. Some people asked about getting them for their pets. I have had dogs all my life and never knew them to look at the sun. One lady said she was going to keep her curtains drawn all day Monday so as not to burn her eyeballs. I am not sure how these people live their life every other day of the year without staring into the sun. I think that one of the first things my mom told me was, "don't look at the sun."

So, I was pumped. I knew it wasn't a total eclipse down here but they said it was 97.9% coverage. That seems pretty close to 100 for me. At 1:15 I went outside and put on my shades. First thing I learned is you shouldn't walk down the porch steps with eclipse glasses on. At least I felt like the cardboard sunglasses I had nothing invested in would likely protect my eyesight. Sure enough about a third of the sun was covered by a black moon. I checked a few more times leading up to the 2:01pm maximum coverage point. But I noticed it was still about a bright as any other afternoon would be. I thought it would be getting darker, maybe no shadows. So, at 2:01 I dutifully donned my eye wear and looked upward. Quite spectacular, just a sliver of sun peaking around that big black moon blot. But it was still bright as day outside. There were shadows from trees and the house and my pickup.

Just 2% of the sun can still brighten up the world. Quite impressive how powerful a little sunlight is.

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## A Minnesotan: Different in a Small Town



By RosaLin Alcoser

One of the main differences between living in the cities, town, or a small town is the amount of time you can take to chat with people when you're out and about. When you're in the city you might have enough time to exchange pleasantries with someone checking you out at a store.

While in town you might be able to build up some sort of rapport with people at places that you regularly frequent. But in a small town you will often be able to hold

full conversions with these same people which is my father's favorite thing to do.

Recently my father was doing this very thing while my mother was picking out new glasses. At some point during this my parents had mentioned that my father used to be a chaplain for the Federal Prison System for 26 years when they got out Federal employee health insurance that they have as part of my father's retirement. Which is always important to be mentioned when he meets new people because his favorite joke is that he did 26 years in the federal big house. Which we'll add on to that he got let out every night for good behavior

This is a joke that only goes off well if the people that he's talking to pay attention to the fact that he was the chaplain at the prison. Which the people at the glasses store apparently did not pay attention to. So they proceed to tease up and say things about how everyone deserves a second chance protecting my mother to have to re-explain that he was retired from being the chaplain, not from being an inmate.

As I was not there to witness this event in person I am assuming that this explanation of the joke resolved the whole thing. Nevertheless the interaction was amusing and was a much higher level of interaction than those of us in the cities get with most people we meet while out on errands.

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

8am-1pm   Car Show   St. Peters Church	11am   Bean Bag Tourn.   Rosie Park   \$40/team
8:30-11:30am   Burrito Breakfast & Quilt Show   St. Peters Church	1pm   Bingo   Fire Hall
8:45-10am reg.   Road Rally   Goodhue C-Store   \$5/person	1-4pm   Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull   3rd Ave
9am   Udder Run   Front of GHS   \$16/ea adv or \$20/ea day of	2pm   Tyler Stehr Live   Corner Bar
9am-2pm   Craft and Vendor Show   Lion's Community Center	2pm   Pedal Tractor Pull   Broadway/2nd Ave
9am   Volleyball Tourn., Co-ed   Rosie Park   \$60/team	6pm   Street Dance   N 2nd St.
10am-1pm   Kids Bounce Party   GHS Gym 3	10pm   Fireworks   Rosie Park
10am   3-on-3 Basketball   GHS Gym 1 & 2   \$100/Team	

### JUSTIN MOORE

6:00pm GATE | 6:30pm MUSIC  
GA \$60 UNTIL 5/10 | \$70 5/10+ & AT GATE  
VIP \$125 UNTIL 5/10 | \$140 5/10+  
CHAD JOHNSON & THE MINNESOTA TRANSPLANTS  
BRYAN ANDERSON

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9am-12pm   Dads Belgian Waffle Feed   Lion's Community Center	1pm   Parade
5yr   Free   6-12yr \$8   13yr   \$12	2pm   Fire Dept. Water Fight   Fire Dept.
9am   Community Worship Lutheran Service   GHS Gym 1	2pm   Bryan Anderson Live   Corner Bar

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1. Do like volcano
2. Honey home
3. Iris holder
4. Human trunk
5. iPad "pen"
6. \*Matriarch, \_\_\_\_ Munster of "The Munsters"
7. \*Nadezhda of "The Americans," \_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Jennings, acr.
8. Muhammad's birthplace
9. Melissa Rivers' mom
10. Australian slang for afternoon
11. Widely hunted ruminant
12. Follow ems
15. A particular legume
20. Not pathos
22. Second O in EVOO
24. Kinda white
25. \*Mrs. \_\_\_\_, a.k.a. Marmee
26. Anoint
27. Red Sea peninsula
29. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
31. Goals
32. Like a Harvard building?
33. Plant-based laxative
34. \* \_\_\_\_ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
36. Dance partner
38. Drive- \_\_\_\_, for short
42. Like a haunted house
45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
49. \_\_\_\_ chi
51. Casts a line
54. Popular electric car
56. Newton's first name
57. Foul substance
58. Matured
59. Bob of "The Joy of Painting" fame
60. Better than never?
61. On top of
62. "High" time
63. Cosine's counterpart
64. In the past
66. \*"Married... with Children" mom

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